

# ABSTRACT

A wheel lift tow device for a tow truck includes a centrally located extendable support beam having a cross bar  
5 pivotably attached to it, so that it can be oriented obliquely for towing obliquely placed disabled cars, especially for front wheel drive vehicles. The telescoping slider arms of the cross bar provide lateral movement for a pair of swivel arm scoops, or claws, which cradle and lift a  
10 pair of wheels of the disabled vehicle. The swivel arm scoops are moved by slotted plates having slots accommodating respective piston rods of each respective hydraulic cylinder providing movement of the swivel arm scoop claws. The cylinders are laid parallel to each other  
15 and are covered on all four sides by a cover sleeve.

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